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SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT OF STATE NOON BRIEFING, JANUARY 26, 1978

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE NOON
BRIEFING JANUARY 26, 1978:

Q: HODDING, YOU POSTED AN ANSWER YESTERDAY ABOUT NOT
AUTHORIZING SAUDI ARABIA TO TRANSFER WEAPONS TO EGYPT,
WHICH WOULD TRANSFER WEAPONS TO SOMALIA.

I ASKED A BROADER QUESTION THE DAY BEFORE, IN THAT: IS IT
POLICY THAT NO U.S. WEAPONS SHALL BE USED IN ANY WAY TO
FREE ANYBODY ELSE'S WEAPONS FOR SHIPMENT TO SOMALIA?

A: IT IS OUR GENERAL POLICY, AND HOW IT IS EFFECTED. I
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DON'T HAVE AN ITEM-BY-ITEM DELINEATION, THAT WE DO NOT
WISH TO HAVE AS A MATTER OF OUR POLICY ANY EFFECT ON
RAISING THE WEAPONS LEVEL IN THAT AREA. AND IN FACT, OUR
POLICY IS TO TRY AND DO ANYTHING WE CAN TO BRING BOTH THE
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND A RETURN TO TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

Q: THAT MEANS, I ASSUME, THAT WHEN EGYPT REQUESTS WEAPONS

IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GENERAL SITUATION IN THE REGION,
YOU GO BACK TO THEM AND SAY: "WE DON'T TAKE THIS TO MEAN

THAT YOU ARE GOING TO -- "

A: WE DIDN'T TAKE IT TO APPLY TO THAT, IN ANY CASE. THAT
WAS NOT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.
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